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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Imperial Beach – Eight Arrested After Suspected Smuggling Boat Comes Ashore**

(U) A 19-foot boat suspected of being used for smuggling came ashore at Imperial Beach on 1 November and eight Mexican nationals were taken into custody by federal agents. An Imperial Beach lifeguard spotted the pleasure craft coming ashore south of Imperial Beach Pier and saw a group of people leave the boat and head to a nearby street. Board Patrol agents responded within minutes and detained the eight people to be processed for entering the country illegally.

SOURCE: 1 November 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Chocolate Exporters Admit to Shipping Cocaine to Australia for SoCal Drug Kingpin

(U) The Dulley brothers from Los Angeles worked as importers and exporters of fine chocolate, but hidden in their shipments was something else — large quantities of cocaine. According to authorities, the Dulley's business was part of the "ODOG" Enterprise, a global drug-trafficking and gambling empire run by Owen Hanson, a former University of Southern California football player. On 1 November the brothers admitted in San Diego federal court to sending large amounts of cocaine to Australia. Authorities said that the Dulleys would often receive loads of 10-kilograms or more of cocaine from Hanson or his associates. The brothers would then mix the drugs with legitimate merchandise to slip the drugs through customs inspections. Twenty-two others — including a private investigator, a former NFL football player, an accountant and associates — have pleaded guilty in this investigation.

SOURCE: 1 November 2018, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) Sacramento – 110 California Sex Offenders Arrested in Halloween Sweep

(U) According to California corrections officials 110 sex offender parolees were arrested during an annual Halloween sweep designed to keep the offenders from contacting children or engaging in other Halloween activities. Officials said eight parolees face new charges while the rest allegedly violated conditions of their parole. Thirty offenders were found with pornography, including two involving children. Thirty-one had narcotics, drug paraphernalia or violated other parole conditions. Thirteen were found with weapons. Hundreds of parole agents and local law enforcement officers participated in the operation involving searches and compliance checks on sex offender parolees.

SOURCE: 1 November 2018, [KCRA](#)

(U) Santa Barbara – Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Makes Largest Seizure of Illegal Marijuana Plants

(U) An estimated 400,000 marijuana plants were destroyed by Santa Barbara County sheriff's investigators this week in what authorities are calling the county's largest seizure of pot plants at one site. According to authorities, the plants were hidden among farmland in Santa Maria and discovered by sheriff's investigators on 29 October. Authorities said the crop belonged to a resident who had applied for a temporary state cannabis license using false information and did not have a valid cannabis license. Investigators found the 400,000 plants in various levels of maturity and tapped state Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel to help in the case.

SOURCE: 1 November 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) Arizona – CBP Seizes More than \$800K worth of Narcotics at Port of Nogales**

(U) Nogales- Federal authorities at the Port of Nogales seized more than \$800,000 worth of hard drugs in two separate incidents on 31 October. The first incident occurred after a Sonora man was stopped when a drug-sniffing dog alerted to the man's Ford SUV. Inside the vehicle, Customs and Border Protection officers found 16-pounds of cocaine, valued at \$381,000, concealed in the vehicle's rear quarter panel. In another incident on 31 October, officers stopped a Mesa man in his Mazda sedan, after a CBP canine alerted to his vehicle. Officers found nearly 11-pounds of heroin, valued at almost \$296,000, and more than 45-pounds of methamphetamine, worth more than \$135,000.

SOURCE: 1 November 2018, [KVOA](#)

(U) Texas – 66 Pounds of Meth Hidden in Canned Foods

(U) Houston - Customs and Border Protection agriculture specialists and officers inspecting cargo shipments discovered an unusual surprise hidden within food items at Houston Intercontinental Airport on 30 October. During a regularly scheduled examination of the arriving cargo, a CBP agriculture specialist noticed an irregular weight distribution of a single can of tomato puree. When CBP officers opened the canned item, they found an odd colored liquid substance that began crystalizing. CBP officers seized 66.3-pounds of methamphetamine valued at over \$225,000 that was discovered within canned items of hominy, tomato puree, and mole in a shipment arriving from Mexico and destined for Houston.

SOURCE: 31 October 2018, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Arizona – Arizona Man Allegedly Taught Undercover FBI Agents How to Make Bombs**

(U) Tucson – An Arizona man was arrested on 26 October after he allegedly taught undercover FBI agents and informants how to build and detonate bombs. The FBI reportedly started monitoring Ahmad Suhad Ahmad of Tucson in December 2016, at which time he allegedly claimed to know how to detonate an explosive using a cell phone. He apparently claimed that "bombs were easy to make," and learned how to create them during the war in Iraq. In April 2017, Ahmad reportedly agreed to help an FBI informant learn how to build a car bomb "for a target in Mexico." Ahmad made his first court appearance on 29 October, where he pleaded not guilty.

SOURCE: 1 November 2018, [FOX](#)

(U) Oregon – Meth-laced Halloween Candy Sends Oregon Parents to Hospital

(U) Aloha – According to authorities, two Oregon parents were sickened after eating their children's Halloween candy, which later tested positive for methamphetamine. The children didn't eat any of the Sour Patch Kids candy they collected while trick-or-treating in Aloha on 31 October. The parents told deputies the candy appeared sealed when they ate it Halloween evening, but after feeling ill the next day, they were taken to a hospital for evaluation. Deputies performed a field test of the gummy candy, which tested positive for methamphetamine. It's not known which house gave out the candy.

SOURCE: 2 November 2018, [KDVR](#)

(U) Texas – Deputy 'Critical' after being Shot in Head; Suspect in Custody

(U) La Grange – According to authorities, a sheriff's deputy is in critical condition after being shot in the head while attempting to serve a warrant at an apartment building on 1 November. The deputy and another officer attempted to serve a felony warrant to a man who failed to register as a sex offender, when then the suspect turned violent. During the confrontation, the suspect cut one officer's hand with

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a buck knife, then escaped to his apartment and barricaded himself inside. Deputies followed the suspect to the apartment to try serving the warrant again, but were immediately fired upon; one deputy was shot in the head. The unidentified Fayetteville County deputy was rushed to a hospital in Austin, he remains in critical condition.

SOURCE: 1 November 2018, [FOX](#)

(U) Washington – Explosive Device goes off in Washington State; Suspect Sought

(U) Bremerton – Authorities in Washington State are seeking the person responsible for an explosive that detonated 31 October. No one was hurt when the device went off in an alleyway. Authorities obtained a description of the suspect, who is believed to be a white male sporting a green jacket and dark colored ball cap. The individual may also have a tattoo beneath one of his eyes, although the design of the marking wasn't clear. Both the bomb squad of the Washington State Patrol and FBI were called in to provide assistance in the investigation.

SOURCE: 1 November 2018, [FOX](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Nigeria – Suspected Boko Haram Attacks Leave 15 Dead**

(U) Lagos – At least 15 people have died in Nigeria's northeast in a spate of attacks by suspected Boko Haram militants. The militants, who rode in four vehicles, unleashed mayhem on four villages in the outskirts of Maiduguri, burning houses and shooting at people on 31 October. Nigeria's National Emergency Agency said six people were killed in Kofa village by the insurgents. The gunmen opened fire on residents as they ran to a displacement camp in Dalori village, killing another two people.

SOURCE: 1 November 2018, [CNN](#)

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